

House Resolution No. 307

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

Whereas, Brandi Richards of Springfield, Missouri, is a senior at Kickapoo High School and one of two top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award in 2002; and

Whereas, selected on the basis of her creation of "Hand-In-Hand", a project to teach homeless and at-risk children the value of serving others to better the community, Brandi Richards will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., from May 4 to May 7, 2002; and

Whereas, now in its seventh year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

Whereas, Brandi Richards was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by Kickapoo High School as one of a record 28,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Brandi Richards as a Missouri Silver Finalist by the 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success as she travels to Washington, D.C., in May to compete for national awards and to participate in a series of national recognition events; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Brandi Richards of Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Norma Champion
District No. 134

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 307, adopted February 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker